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SUBJ: SPINOLA BARRED FROM GUINEA

KEF: LISBON 3222

1. LOCAL RUMOR MILL HAS IT THAT SPINOLA HAS BEEN CATEGORICALLY REFUSED GOP PERMISSION TO RETURN TO GUINEA TO MAKE HIS FAREWELLS, OR EVEN ON PURELY "PRIVATE" BASIS. IT ALSO ALLEGED THAT SPINOLA SUSPECTED OF HAVING ESTABLISHED BACK CHANNEL TIES WITH PAIGC. FOR EXAMPLE, TRAVELER JUST BACK FROM LISBON ALLEGEDLY WITNESSED RECENT EARNEST PAIGC-LOYALIST BATTLE BROKEN OFF COMPLETELY BY REBELS ON SPINOLA'S ARRIVAL AT SCENE, ONLY TO BE RESUMED AFTER HE SAFELY AWAY.

2. COMMENT: WHETHER ANY TRUTH TO THESE RUMORS, WE FIND IT INTERESTING THEY ARE CIRCULATING, POSSIBLE INDICATING EFFORT BY SPINOLA'S ENEMIES HERE AND IN LISBON TO UNDERMINE HIS ENORMOUS PRESTIGE ESPECIALLY AMONG SECOND-ECHELON MILITARY OFFICERS.
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